

as molding, pressing or cutting the final product from sheet would make the same product.

Applicant is by no means certain that that is the case. For example, if a molding processes is used, there is no certainty that the product would be a hot-formed and hardened structural component composed of metal and having over its length regions of different wall thickness matched to different loading capacities and also formed from a member product by flexible rolling with segments of different wall thickness along a length of the strip. In short, it is not evident that molding could yield the product of claim 5. The invention applies to a pressing process.

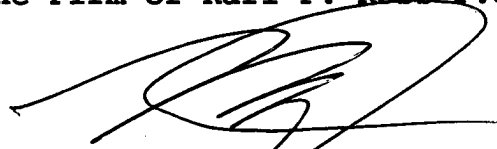
With respect to a cutting of the final product from a sheet, without the need for reshaping and/or hardening, it is not clear how that could be done to yield the product of claim 5.

As a consequence, Applicant cannot see in any practical way the use of a different process for making the product which complies with claim 5 in all its particulars. As a result, the restriction requirement is inappropriate and it clearly would be in the best interests of those who may search the invention in the future as well as the Patent and Trademark Office to maintain the

article claim in the same case as the elected method.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is therefore urged.

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